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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 248

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 248 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1-12, 1A-45, 7-12, 7-43, 9-3, 9-10, 10-6, 10-10.1,
6 19-3, 19-4, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-6, 20-8,
7 25-7, 29-5, and 29B-10 as follows:

8 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

9 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

10 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

11 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
12 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
13 by law, conduct early voting in a high traffic location on the
14 campus of a public university within the election authority's
15 jurisdiction. The voting required by this subsection (a) to be
16 conducted on campus must be conducted as otherwise required by

1 Article 19A of this Code. If an election authority has voting
2 equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required
3 in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election
4 authority shall extend early voting under this Section to any
5 registered voter in the election authority's jurisdiction.
6 However, if the election authority does not have voting
7 equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required
8 in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election
9 authority may limit early voting under this Section to
10 registered voters in precincts where the public university is
11 located and precincts bordering the university. Each public
12 university shall make the space available in a high traffic
13 area for, and cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate
14 election authority in, the implementation of this subsection
15 (a).

16 (b) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
17 to the voting conducted at locations otherwise required by law,
18 conduct in-person absentee voting on election day in a
19 high-traffic location on the campus of a public university
20 within the election authority's jurisdiction. The procedures
21 for conducting in-person absentee voting at a site established
22 pursuant to this subsection (b) shall, to the extent
23 practicable, be the same procedures required by Article 19 of
24 this Code for in-person absentee ballots. The election
25 authority may limit in-person absentee voting under this
26 subsection (b) to registered voters in precincts where the

1 public university is located and precincts bordering the
2 university. The election authority shall have voting equipment
3 and ballots necessary to accommodate registered voters who may
4 cast an in-person absentee ballot at a site established
5 pursuant to this subsection (b). Each public university shall
6 make the space available in a high-traffic area for, and
7 cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate election
8 authority in, the implementation of this subsection (b).

9 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
10 means the University of Illinois at its campuses in
11 Urbana-Champaign and Springfield, Southern Illinois University
12 at its campuses in Carbondale and Edwardsville, Eastern
13 Illinois University, Illinois State University, Northern
14 Illinois University, and Western Illinois University at its
15 campuses in Macomb and Moline.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

17 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

18 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

19 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
20 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
21 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and
22 grace period voting at the student union on the campus of a
23 public university within the election authority's
24 jurisdiction. The voting required by this subsection (a) to be
25 conducted on campus must be conducted from the 6th day before a

1 general primary or general election until and including the 4th
2 day before a general primary or general election from 10:00
3 a.m. to 5 p.m. and as otherwise required by Article 19A of this
4 Code, except that the voting required by this subsection (a)
5 need not be conducted during a consolidated primary or
6 consolidated election. If an election authority has voting
7 equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required
8 in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election
9 authority shall extend early voting and grace period
10 registration and voting under this Section to any registered
11 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the
12 election authority does not have voting equipment that can
13 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election
14 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may
15 limit early voting and grace period registration and voting
16 under this Section to voters in precincts where the public
17 university is located and precincts bordering the university.
18 Each public university shall make the space available at the
19 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the
20 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this
21 subsection (a).

22 (b) (Blank).

23 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
24 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,
25 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern
26 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern

1 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and
2 Northeastern Illinois University.

3 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union" means
4 the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of
5 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the
6 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building
7 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student
8 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the
9 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
10 the SIUC Student Center at the Southern Illinois University at
11 Carbondale campus; the Morris University Center at the Southern
12 Illinois University at Edwardsville campus; the University
13 Union at the Western Illinois University at the Macomb campus;
14 the Holmes Student Center at the Northern Illinois University
15 campus; the University Union at the Eastern Illinois University
16 campus; NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois
17 University campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois
18 State University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the
19 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in
20 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;
22 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/1A-45)

24 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
25 delayed effective date)

1 Sec. 1A-45. Electronic Registration Information Center.

2 (a) The State Board of Elections shall enter into an
3 agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center
4 effective no later than January 1, 2016, for the purpose of
5 maintaining a statewide voter registration database. The State
6 Board of Elections shall comply with the requirements of the
7 Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
8 Agreement. The State Board of Elections shall require a term in
9 the Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
10 Agreement that requires the State to share identification
11 records contained in the Secretary of State's Driver Services
12 Department and Vehicle Services Department, the Department of
13 Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family
14 Services, the Department of Aging, and the Department of
15 Employment Security databases (excluding those fields
16 unrelated to voter eligibility, such as income or health
17 information).

18 (b) The Secretary of State and the Board of Elections shall
19 enter into an agreement to permit the Secretary of State to
20 provide the State Board of Elections with any information
21 required for compliance with the Electronic Registration
22 Information Center Membership Agreement. The Secretary of
23 State shall deliver this information as frequently as necessary
24 for the State Board of Elections to comply with the Electronic
25 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement if the
26 agreement between the State Board of Elections and the

1 Electronic Registration Information Center provides that the
2 Electronic Registration Information Center shall accept
3 responsibility for any violations of the Federal Drivers
4 Privacy Protection Act (18 U.S. Code Sec. 2721, et seq.) by the
5 Electronic Registration Information Center or its employees or
6 agents, and shall hold the State of Illinois harmless from any
7 damages imposed as a result of violations of the Federal
8 Drivers Privacy Protection Act by the Electronic Registration
9 Information Center or its employees or agents.

10 (b-5) The State Board of Elections and the Department of
11 Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family
12 Services, the Department on Aging, and the Department of
13 Employment Security shall enter into an agreement to require
14 each department to provide the State Board of Elections with
15 any information necessary to transmit member data under the
16 Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
17 Agreement. The director or secretary, as applicable, of each
18 agency shall deliver this information on an annual basis to the
19 State Board of Elections pursuant to the agreement between the
20 entities.

21 (c) Any communication required to be delivered to a
22 registrant or potential registrant pursuant to the Electronic
23 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement shall
24 include at least the following message:

25 "Our records show people at this address may not be
26 registered to vote at this address, but you may be eligible

1 to register to vote or re-register to vote at this address.
2 If you are a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Illinois, and will
3 be 18 years old or older before the next general election
4 in November, you are qualified to vote.

5 We invite you to check your registration online at
6 (enter URL) or register to vote online at (enter URL), by
7 requesting a mail-in voter registration form by (enter
8 instructions for requesting a mail-in voter registration
9 form), or visiting the (name of election authority) office
10 at (address of election authority)."

11 The words "register to vote online at (enter URL)" shall be
12 bolded and of a distinct nature from the other words in the
13 message required by this subsection (c).

14 (d) Any communication required to be delivered to a
15 potential registrant that has been identified by the Electronic
16 Registration Information Center as eligible to vote but who is
17 not registered to vote in Illinois shall be prepared and
18 disseminated at the direction of the State Board of Elections.
19 All other communications with potential registrants or
20 re-registrants pursuant to the Electronic Registration
21 Information Center Membership Agreement shall be prepared and
22 disseminated at the direction of the appropriate election
23 authority.

24 (e) The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections
25 or his or her designee shall serve as the Member Representative
26 to the Electronic Registration Information Center.

1 (f) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules
2 necessary to enforce this Section or comply with the Electronic
3 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)
6 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by
7 mail or in person as follows:

8 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,
9 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a
10 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or
11 district which comprises more than one county or is partly
12 in one county and partly in another county or counties,
13 then, except as otherwise provided in this Section, such
14 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal
15 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 113
16 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of the
17 primary, but, in the case of petitions for nomination to
18 fill a vacancy by special election in the office of
19 representative in Congress from this State, such petition
20 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of
21 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 ~~57~~ days and
22 not less than 82 ~~50~~ days prior to the date of the primary.

23 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,
24 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period
25 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,

1 petitions for nomination for the office in which the
2 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office
3 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less
4 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary
5 election.

6 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or
7 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,
8 then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the
9 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more
10 than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of
11 the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or
12 policies of a national political party conflict with such
13 requirements for filing petitions for nomination for
14 delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating
15 convention, the chairman of the State central committee of
16 such national political party shall notify the Board in
17 writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the
18 national political party in conflict, and in such case the
19 Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in accordance
20 with the delegate selection plan adopted by the state
21 central committee of such national political party.

22 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county
23 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition
24 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not more
25 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the
26 primary.

1 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal
2 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be
3 filed in the office of the local election official, not
4 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the
5 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's
6 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the
7 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
8 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office
9 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office
10 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election
11 authority.

12 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central
13 committeeman shall be filed in the principal office of the
14 State Board of Elections not more than 113 nor less than
15 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

16 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or
17 ward committeemen shall be filed in the office of the
18 county clerk not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior
19 to the date of the primary.

20 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various
21 election authorities and local election officials with
22 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall specify
23 the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt
24 shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which each
25 petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons waiting
26 in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as

1 of the normal opening hour of the office involved on such
2 day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal
3 opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail
4 and received after midnight of the first day for filing and
5 in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be
6 deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the
7 normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All
8 petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in
9 the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more petitions
10 filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be
11 deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are
12 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or
13 the various election authorities or local election
14 officials with whom such petitions are filed shall break
15 ties and determine the order of filing, by means of a
16 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random
17 selection approved by the State Board of Elections. Such
18 lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following the last
19 day for petition filing and shall be open to the public.
20 Seven days written notice of the time and place of
21 conducting such random selection shall be given by the
22 State Board of Elections to the chairman of the State
23 central committee of each established political party, and
24 by each election authority or local election official, to
25 the County Chairman of each established political party,
26 and to each organization of citizens within the election

1 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at the
2 next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on
3 the day of election. The State Board of Elections, election
4 authority or local election official shall post in a
5 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the
6 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The
7 State Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations
8 governing the procedures for the conduct of such lottery.
9 All candidates shall be certified in the order in which
10 their petitions have been filed. Where candidates have
11 filed simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order
12 determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the
13 same office at a later time.

14 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate
15 election authority or local election official with whom
16 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the
17 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed of
18 the obligation to file statements of organization, reports
19 of campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign
20 contributions and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act.
21 Such notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by
22 paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

23 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not
24 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a
25 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
26 Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with

1 the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the
2 filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement
3 of economic interests in relation to the same governmental
4 unit with that officer within a year preceding the date on
5 which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination
6 papers of any candidate and the statement of economic
7 interest of that candidate are not required to be filed
8 with the same officer, the candidate must file with the
9 officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt
10 from the officer with whom the statement of economic
11 interests is filed showing the date on which such statement
12 was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than
13 the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

14 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or
15 for committeeman or for delegate or alternate delegate to a
16 national nominating convention has been filed may cause his
17 name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by him
18 and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take
19 acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal or
20 permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections or
21 with the appropriate election authority or local election
22 official, not later than the date of certification of
23 candidates for the consolidated primary or general primary
24 ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be certified or printed
25 on the primary ballot. If petitions for nomination have
26 been filed for the same person with respect to more than

1 one political party, his name shall not be certified nor
2 printed on the primary ballot of any party. If petitions
3 for nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or
4 more offices which are incompatible so that the same person
5 could not serve in more than one of such offices if
6 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all
7 but one of such offices within the 5 business days
8 following the last day for petition filing. A candidate in
9 a judicial election may file petitions for nomination for
10 only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only one vacancy in a
11 circuit in any one filing period, and if petitions for
12 nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or
13 more vacancies in the same circuit or subcircuit in the
14 same filing period, his or her name shall be certified only
15 for the first vacancy for which the petitions for
16 nomination were filed. If he fails to withdraw as a
17 candidate for all but one of such offices within such time
18 his name shall not be certified, nor printed on the primary
19 ballot, for any office. For the purpose of the foregoing
20 provisions, an office in a political party is not
21 incompatible with any other office.

22 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
23 statute, no primary shall be held for an established
24 political party in any township, municipality, or ward
25 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every
26 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,

1 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a
2 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested
3 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted
4 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward
5 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in
6 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided
7 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices
8 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for
9 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this
10 Article, the nomination of an established political party
11 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to
12 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to
13 be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
14 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such
15 office.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
17 statute, no primary election shall be held for an
18 established political party for any special primary
19 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
20 office of representative in the United States Congress
21 where the nomination of such political party for said
22 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,
23 the nomination of an established political party of a
24 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be
25 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be
26 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers

1 seeking the nomination of such established party for
2 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not
3 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly
4 scheduled election day.

5 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)
6 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has
7 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to
8 become a write-in candidate for a political party's
9 nomination for any office for which the nomination is
10 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that
11 intent with the State Board of Elections or the local
12 election official with whom nomination papers for such
13 office are filed, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a
14 primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or
15 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in
16 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary
17 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name
18 and address of the person intending to become a write-in
19 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified
20 primary elector of the political party from whom the
21 nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person
22 intends to become a write-in candidate for the party's
23 nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a
24 write-in candidate. An election authority shall have no
25 duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for
26 any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a

1 statement or notice meeting the requirements of this
2 Section is filed in a timely manner.

3 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed
4 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of
5 Elections, appropriate election authority or local
6 election official where the petitions are filed shall
7 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her
8 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3
9 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the
10 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority
11 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior
12 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State
13 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
14 local election official, the last set of petitions filed
15 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the
16 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
17 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the
18 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
19 election official then only the first set of petitions
20 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be
21 void.

22 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for
23 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of
24 not less than 6 months.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11;
26 97-1044, eff. 1-1-13.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-43) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-43)

2 Sec. 7-43. Every person having resided in this State 6
3 months and in the precinct 30 days next preceding any primary
4 therein who shall be a citizen of the United States of the age
5 of 18 or more years shall be entitled to vote at such primary.

6 The following regulations shall be applicable to
7 primaries:

8 No person shall be entitled to vote at a primary:

9 (a) Unless he declares his party affiliations as
10 required by this Article.

11 (b) (Blank).

12 (c) (Blank).

13 (c.5) If that person has participated in the town
14 political party caucus, under Section 45-50 of the
15 Township Code, of another political party by signing an
16 affidavit of voters attending the caucus within 87 ~~45~~
17 days before the first day of the calendar month in
18 which the primary is held.

19 (d) (Blank).

20 In cities, villages and incorporated towns having a
21 board of election commissioners only voters registered as
22 provided by Article 6 of this Act shall be entitled to vote
23 at such primary.

24 No person shall be entitled to vote at a primary unless
25 he is registered under the provisions of Articles 4, 5 or 6

1 of this Act, when his registration is required by any of
2 said Articles to entitle him to vote at the election with
3 reference to which the primary is held.

4 A person (i) who filed a statement of candidacy for a
5 partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established
6 political party or (ii) who voted the ballot of an established
7 political party at a general primary election may not file a
8 statement of candidacy as a candidate of a different
9 established political party or as an independent candidate for
10 a partisan office to be filled at the general election
11 immediately following the general primary for which the person
12 filed the statement or voted the ballot. A person may file a
13 statement of candidacy for a partisan office as a qualified
14 primary voter of an established political party regardless of
15 any prior filing of candidacy for a partisan office or voting
16 the ballot of an established political party at any prior
17 election.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-681, eff. 3-30-12; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

20 Sec. 9-3. Political committee statement of organization.

21 (a) Every political committee shall file with the State
22 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10
23 business days of the creation of such committee, except any
24 political committee created within the 30 days before an
25 election shall file a statement of organization within 2

1 business days in person, by facsimile transmission, or by
2 electronic mail. Any change in information previously
3 submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported, as
4 required for the original statement of organization by this
5 Section, within 10 days following that change. ~~A political
6 committee that acts as both a state political committee and a
7 local political committee shall file a copy of each statement
8 of organization with the State Board of Elections and the
9 county clerk.~~ The Board shall impose a civil penalty of \$50 per
10 business day upon political committees for failing to file or
11 late filing of a statement of organization. Such penalties
12 shall not exceed \$5,000, and shall not exceed \$10,000 for
13 statewide office political committees. There shall be no fine
14 if the statement is mailed and postmarked at least 72 hours
15 prior to the filing deadline.

16 In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this
17 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political
18 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary
19 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction
20 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of
21 funds and to cease operations until the statement of
22 organization is filed.

23 For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means
24 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,
25 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

26 (b) The statement of organization shall include:

1 (1) the name and address of the political committee and
2 the designation required by Section 9-2;

3 (2) the scope, area of activity, party affiliation, and
4 purposes of the political committee;

5 (3) the name, address, and position of each custodian
6 of the committee's books and accounts;

7 (4) the name, address, and position of the committee's
8 principal officers, including the chairman, treasurer, and
9 officers and members of its finance committee, if any;

10 (5) the name and address of any sponsoring entity;

11 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of
12 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution
13 or termination of the committee;

14 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial
15 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other
16 repositories or custodians of funds used by the committee;
17 and

18 (8) the amount of funds available for campaign
19 expenditures as of the filing date of the committee's
20 statement of organization.

21 For purposes of this Section, a "sponsoring entity" is (i)
22 any person, organization, corporation, or association that
23 contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the political
24 committee or (ii) any person or other entity that is registered
25 or is required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act
26 and contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the

1 political committee.

2 (c) Each statement of organization required to be filed in
3 accordance with this Section shall be verified, dated, and
4 signed by either the treasurer of the political committee
5 making the statement or the candidate on whose behalf the
6 statement is made and shall contain substantially the following
7 verification:

8 "VERIFICATION:

9 I declare that this statement of organization (including
10 any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by
11 me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is a true,
12 correct, and complete statement of organization as required by
13 Article 9 of the Election Code. I understand that willfully
14 filing a false or incomplete statement is subject to a civil
15 penalty of at least \$1,001 and up to \$5,000.

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17 (date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)".

18 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative
19 committee also shall include a verification signed by the
20 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed
21 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public
22 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
23 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
24 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
25 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
26 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or

1 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or
2 candidates for nomination for election, election, or
3 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements
4 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

5 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent
6 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed
7 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is
8 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent
9 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
10 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
11 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
12 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
13 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions
14 to any candidate political committee, political party
15 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to
16 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in
17 violation of this Article.

18 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this
19 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political
20 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory
21 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the statement
22 required by this Section with the Board by December 31, 2010.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 7-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-10)

25 Sec. 9-10. Disclosure of contributions and expenditures.

1 (a) The treasurer of every political committee shall file
2 with the Board reports of campaign contributions and
3 expenditures as required by this Section on forms to be
4 prescribed or approved by the Board.

5 (b) Every political committee shall file quarterly reports
6 of campaign contributions, expenditures, and independent
7 expenditures. The reports shall cover the period January 1
8 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through
9 September 30, and October 1 through December 31 of each year. A
10 political committee shall file quarterly reports no later than
11 the 15th day of the month following each period. Reports of
12 contributions and expenditures must be filed to cover the
13 prescribed time periods even though no contributions or
14 expenditures may have been received or made during the period.
15 The Board shall assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for
16 failure to file a report required by this subsection. The fine,
17 however, shall not exceed \$1,000 for a first violation if the
18 committee files less than 10 days after the deadline. There
19 shall be no fine if the report is mailed and postmarked at
20 least 72 hours prior to the filing deadline. When considering
21 the amount of the fine to be imposed, the Board shall consider
22 whether the violation was committed inadvertently,
23 negligently, knowingly, or intentionally and any past
24 violations of this Section.

25 (c) A political committee shall file a report of any
26 contribution of \$1,000 or more electronically with the Board

1 within 5 business days after receipt of the contribution,
2 except that the report shall be filed within 2 business days
3 after receipt if (i) the contribution is received 30 or fewer
4 days before the date of an election and (ii) the political
5 committee supports or opposes a candidate or public question on
6 the ballot at that election or makes expenditures in excess of
7 \$500 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate, candidates,
8 a public question, or public questions on the ballot at that
9 election. The State Board shall allow filings of reports of
10 contributions of \$1,000 or more by political committees that
11 are not required to file electronically to be made by facsimile
12 transmission. The Board shall assess a civil penalty for
13 failure to file a report required by this subsection. Failure
14 to report each contribution is a separate violation of this
15 subsection. The Board shall impose fines for willful or wanton
16 violations of this subsection (c) not to exceed 150% of the
17 total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported,
18 but in no case shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of
19 the contributions that were untimely reported. When
20 considering the amount of the fine to be imposed for willful or
21 wanton violations, the Board shall consider the number of days
22 the contribution was reported late and past violations of this
23 Section and Section 9-3. The Board may impose a fine for
24 negligent or inadvertent violations of this subsection not to
25 exceed 50% of the total amount of the contributions that were
26 untimely reported, or the Board may waive the fine. When

1 considering whether to impose a fine and the amount of the
2 fine, the Board shall consider the following factors: (1)
3 whether the political committee made an attempt to disclose the
4 contribution and any attempts made to correct the violation,
5 (2) whether the violation is attributed to a clerical or
6 computer error, (3) the amount of the contribution, (4) whether
7 the violation arose from a discrepancy between the date the
8 contribution was reported transferred by a political committee
9 and the date the contribution was received by a political
10 committee, (5) the number of days the contribution was reported
11 late, and (6) past violations of this Section and Section 9-3
12 by the political committee.

13 (d) For the purpose of this Section, a contribution is
14 considered received on the date (i) a monetary contribution was
15 deposited in a bank, financial institution, or other repository
16 of funds for the committee, (ii) the date a committee receives
17 notice a monetary contribution was deposited by an entity used
18 to process financial transactions by credit card or other
19 entity used for processing a monetary contribution that was
20 deposited in a bank, financial institution, or other repository
21 of funds for the committee, or (iii) the public official,
22 candidate, or political committee receives the notification of
23 contribution of goods or services as required under subsection
24 (b) of Section 9-6.

25 (e) A political committee that makes independent
26 expenditures of \$1,000 or more shall file a report

1 electronically with the Board within 5 business days after
2 making the independent expenditure, except that the report
3 shall be filed within 2 business days after making the
4 independent expenditure during the 60-day period before an
5 election. The Board shall assess a civil penalty for failure to
6 file a report required by this subsection. Failure to report
7 each expenditure is a separate violation of this subsection.
8 The Board shall impose fines for willful or wanton violations
9 of this subsection (e) not to exceed 150% of the total amount
10 of the expenditures that were untimely reported, but in no case
11 shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the
12 expenditures that were untimely reported. When considering the
13 amount of the fine to be imposed for willful or wanton
14 violations, the Board shall consider the number of days the
15 expenditure was reported late and past violations of this
16 Section and Section 9-3. The Board may impose a fine for
17 negligent or inadvertent violations of this subsection not to
18 exceed 50% of the total amount of the expenditures that were
19 untimely reported, or the Board may waive the fine. When
20 considering whether to impose a fine and the amount of the
21 fine, the Board shall consider the following factors: (1)
22 whether the political committee made an attempt to disclose the
23 expenditure and any attempts made to correct the violation, (2)
24 whether the violation is attributed to a clerical or computer
25 error, (3) the amount of the expenditure, (4) whether the
26 violation arose from a discrepancy between the date the

1 expenditure was reported transferred by a political committee
2 and the date the expenditure was received by a political
3 committee, (5) the number of days the expenditure was reported
4 late, and (6) past violations of this Section and Section 9-3
5 by the political committee during the period 30 days or fewer
6 before an election shall electronically file a report with the
7 Board within 5 business days after making the independent
8 expenditure. The report shall contain the information required
9 in Section 9-11(c) of this Article.

10 (e-5) An independent expenditure committee that makes an
11 independent expenditure supporting or opposing a public
12 official or candidate that, alone or in combination with any
13 other independent expenditure made by that independent
14 expenditure committee supporting or opposing that public
15 official or candidate during the election cycle, equals an
16 aggregate value of more than (i) \$250,000 for statewide office
17 or (ii) \$100,000 for all other elective offices must file a
18 written disclosure with the State Board of Elections within 2
19 business days after making any expenditure that results in the
20 independent expenditure committee exceeding the applicable
21 threshold. The Board shall assess a civil penalty against an
22 independent expenditure committee for failure to file the
23 disclosure required by this subsection not to exceed (i) \$500
24 for an initial failure to file the required disclosure and (ii)
25 \$1,000 for each subsequent failure to file the required
26 disclosure.

1 (f) A copy of each report or statement filed under this
2 Article shall be preserved by the person filing it for a period
3 of two years from the date of filing.

4 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6)

6 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Certificates of
7 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of
8 candidates for offices to be filled by electors of the entire
9 State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for
10 congressional, state legislative or judicial offices, shall be
11 presented to the principal office of the State Board of
12 Elections not more than 141 nor less than 134 days previous to
13 the day of election for which the candidates are nominated. The
14 State Board of Elections shall endorse the certificates of
15 nomination or nomination papers, as the case may be, and the
16 date and hour of presentment to it. Except as otherwise
17 provided in this section, all other certificates for the
18 nomination of candidates shall be filed with the county clerk
19 of the respective counties not more than 141 but at least 134
20 days previous to the day of such election. Certificates of
21 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of
22 candidates for school district offices ~~to be filled at~~
23 ~~consolidated elections~~ shall be filed with the county clerk or
24 county board of election commissioners of the county election
25 authority in which the principal office of the school district

1 is located not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the
2 ~~consolidated~~ election. Certificates of nomination and
3 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for the
4 other offices of political subdivisions to be filled at regular
5 elections other than the general election shall be filed with
6 the local election official of such subdivision:

7 (1) (Blank);

8 (2) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to
9 the consolidated election; or

10 (3) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to
11 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be
12 filled at the general primary election; or

13 (4) not more than 99 nor less than 92 days before the
14 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to be
15 elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law (except
16 ~~including without limitation,~~ those municipal offices
17 subject to Article ~~Articles~~ 4 ~~and 5~~ of the Municipal Code);
18 or

19 (5) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the
20 municipal primary in even numbered years for such
21 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are
22 provided; or

23 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of
24 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed
25 with the election authority not more than 113 nor less than
26 106 days before the consolidated election.

1 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are
2 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a
3 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of
4 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such
5 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of
6 such Board.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-10.1)

9 Sec. 10-10.1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
10 Section, a candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of
11 an electoral board may secure judicial review of such decision
12 in the circuit court of the county in which the hearing of the
13 electoral board was held. The party seeking judicial review
14 must file a petition with the clerk of the court and must name
15 and serve a copy of the petition upon the electoral board, its
16 members, and other parties to the proceeding by registered or
17 certified mail within 5 days after service of the decision of
18 the electoral board as provided in Section 10-10. The party
19 seeking judicial review must serve a copy of the petition by
20 registered or certified mail upon each affected election
21 authority within 5 days after service of the decision of the
22 electoral board. The petition shall contain a brief statement
23 of the reasons why the decision of the board should be
24 reversed. The petitioner shall file proof of service with the
25 clerk of the court within 5 days after service of the decision

1 of the electoral board, as provided in Section 10-10. No answer
2 to the petition need be filed, but the electoral board shall
3 cause the record of proceedings before the electoral board to
4 be filed with the clerk of the court on or before the date of
5 the hearing on the petition or as ordered by the court.

6 The court shall set the matter for hearing to be held
7 within 30 days after the filing of the petition and shall make
8 its decision promptly after such hearing.

9 (b) An objector or proponent aggrieved by the decision of
10 an electoral board regarding a petition filed pursuant to
11 Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code may secure a review of
12 such decision by the State Board of Elections. The party
13 seeking such review must file a petition therefor with the
14 State Board of Elections within 10 days after the decision of
15 the electoral board. Any such objector or proponent may apply
16 for and obtain judicial review of a decision of the State Board
17 of Elections entered under this amendatory Act of 1985, in
18 accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Review
19 Law, as amended.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

22 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

23 Sec. 19-3. The application for absentee ballot shall be
24 substantially in the following form:

25 APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

1 To be voted at the election in the County of and
2 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
3 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

4 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
5 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
6 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
7 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
8 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
9 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
10 held therein on; and that I wish to vote by absentee
11 ballot.

12 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
13 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
14 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
15 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
16 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight
17 preceding election day, for counting no later than during the
18 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
19 is the 14th day following election day.

20 I understand that this application is made for an official
21 absentee ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the election
22 specified in this application and that I must submit a separate
23 application for an official absentee ballot or ballots to be
24 voted by me at any subsequent election.

25 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
26 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the

1 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

2

3 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

4 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

5

6 However, if application is made for a primary election
7 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
8 designate the name of the political party with which the
9 applicant is affiliated.

10 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
11 mark the box associated with the above described statement
12 included as part of the online application certifying that the
13 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
14 and a signature is not required.

15 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to
16 an election authority the application for absentee ballot. Upon
17 receipt, the appropriate election authority shall accept and
18 promptly process any application for absentee ballot submitted
19 in a form substantially similar to that required by this
20 Section, including any substantially similar production or
21 reproduction generated by the applicant.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

23 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

24 Sec. 19-3. The application for vote by mail ballot shall be
25 substantially in the following form:

1 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

2 To be voted at the election in the County of and
3 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
4 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

5 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
6 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
7 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
8 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
9 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
10 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
11 held therein on; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail
12 ballot.

13 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
14 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
15 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
16 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
17 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than ~~midnight~~
18 ~~preceding~~ election day, for counting no later than during the
19 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
20 is the 14th day following election day.

21 I understand that this application is made for an official
22 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the
23 election specified in this application and that I must submit a
24 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or
25 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

26 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section

1 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
2 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

3

4 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

5 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

6

7 However, if application is made for a primary election
8 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
9 designate the name of the political party with which the
10 applicant is affiliated.

11 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
12 mark the box associated with the above described statement
13 included as part of the online application certifying that the
14 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
15 and a signature is not required.

16 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to
17 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.
18 Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall accept
19 and promptly process any application for vote by mail ballot
20 submitted in a form substantially similar to that required by
21 this Section, including any substantially similar production
22 or reproduction generated by the applicant.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
24 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

2 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
3 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail
4 or electronic means, not more than 40 days nor less than 5 days
5 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than
6 40 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the
7 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such
8 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether
9 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
10 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
11 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
12 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to
13 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,
14 street address, ward and precinct number or township and
15 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on
16 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to
17 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a
18 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at
19 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in
20 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of
21 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting
22 the name and other information of an applicant for an absentee
23 ballot, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
24 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
25 Elections that name and other posted information to the State
26 Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names and other

1 information in an electronic format on its website, arranged by
2 county and accessible to State and local political committees.
3 Within 2 business days after posting a name and other
4 information on the list within its office, the election
5 authority shall mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in
6 such office an official ballot or ballots if more than one are
7 to be voted at said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily
8 Absent Student ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3
9 shall be by nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated
10 election, absentee ballots for certain precincts may be
11 delivered to applicants not less than 25 days before the
12 election if so much time is required to have prepared and
13 printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated
14 for offices at the consolidated primary. The election authority
15 shall enclose with each absentee ballot or application written
16 instructions on how voting assistance shall be provided
17 pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document, written and approved
18 by the State Board of Elections, enumerating the circumstances
19 under which a person is authorized to vote by absentee ballot
20 pursuant to this Article; such document shall also include a
21 statement informing the applicant that if he or she falsifies
22 or is solicited by another to falsify his or her eligibility to
23 cast an absentee ballot, such applicant or other is subject to
24 penalties pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the
25 Election Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list of
26 the name, street address, ward and precinct, or township and

1 district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who have
2 returned absentee ballots to such authority, and the name of
3 such absent voter shall be added to such list within one
4 business day from receipt of such ballot. If the absentee
5 ballot envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in
6 casting the ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall
7 be included on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be
8 numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each election
9 authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place accessible
10 to the public at the entrance of the office of the election
11 authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed without
12 necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

13 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
14 election of the voters to whom it has issued absentee ballots.
15 The list shall be maintained for each precinct within the
16 jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the opening of
17 the polls on election day, the election authority shall deliver
18 to the judges of election in each precinct the list of
19 registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots
20 have been issued by mail.

21 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
22 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent
23 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election
24 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.
25 Immediately after the close of the period during which
26 application may be made by mail or electronic means for

1 absentee ballots, each election authority shall mail to each
2 other election authority within the State a certified list of
3 all such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of
4 the other election authority.

5 In the event that the return address of an application for
6 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
7 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
8 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
9 the ID/DD Community Care Act, within the jurisdiction of the
10 election authority, and the applicant is a registered voter in
11 the precinct in which such facility is located, the ballots
12 shall be prepared and transmitted to a responsible judge of
13 election no later than 9 a.m. on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday
14 immediately preceding the election as designated by the
15 election authority under Section 19-12.2. Such judge shall
16 deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the
17 applicant on the premises of the facility from which
18 application was made. The election authority shall by mail
19 notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot will be
20 delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

21 All applications for absentee ballots shall be available at
22 the office of the election authority for public inspection upon
23 request from the time of receipt thereof by the election
24 authority until 30 days after the election, except during the
25 time such applications are kept in the office of the election
26 authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during the time

1 such applications are in the possession of the judges of
2 election.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
4 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
5 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

7 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
8 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail
9 or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than 5 days
10 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than
11 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the
12 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such
13 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether
14 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
15 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
16 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
17 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to
18 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,
19 street address, ward and precinct number or township and
20 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on
21 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to
22 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a
23 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at
24 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in
25 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of

1 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting
2 the name and other information of an applicant for a vote by
3 mail ballot, the election authority shall transmit by
4 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the State
5 Board of Elections that name and other posted information to
6 the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names
7 and other information in an electronic format on its website,
8 arranged by county and accessible to State and local political
9 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and
10 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner
11 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall
12 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office an
13 official ballot or ballots if more than one are to be voted at
14 said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent Student
15 ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall be by
16 nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated election,
17 vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be delivered to
18 applicants not less than 25 days before the election if so much
19 time is required to have prepared and printed the ballots
20 containing the names of persons nominated for offices at the
21 consolidated primary. The election authority shall enclose
22 with each vote by mail ballot or application written
23 instructions on how voting assistance shall be provided
24 pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document, written and approved
25 by the State Board of Elections, informing the vote by mail
26 voter of the required postage for returning the application and

1 ballot, and enumerating the circumstances under which a person
2 is authorized to vote by vote by mail ballot pursuant to this
3 Article; such document shall also include a statement informing
4 the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is solicited by
5 another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast a vote by
6 mail ballot, such applicant or other is subject to penalties
7 pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the Election
8 Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list of the
9 name, street address, ward and precinct, or township and
10 district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who have
11 returned vote by mail ballots to such authority, and the name
12 of such vote by mail voter shall be added to such list within
13 one business day from receipt of such ballot. If the vote by
14 mail ballot envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in
15 casting the ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall
16 be included on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be
17 numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each election
18 authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place accessible
19 to the public at the entrance of the office of the election
20 authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed without
21 necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

22 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
23 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
24 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within
25 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the
26 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority

1 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the
2 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail
3 ballots have been issued by mail.

4 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
5 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent
6 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election
7 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.
8 Immediately after the close of the period during which
9 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by
10 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other
11 election authority within the State a certified list of all
12 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the
13 other election authority.

14 In the event that the return address of an application for
15 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
16 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
17 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
18 the ID/DD Community Care Act, within the jurisdiction of the
19 election authority, and the applicant is a registered voter in
20 the precinct in which such facility is located, the ballots
21 shall be prepared and transmitted to a responsible judge of
22 election no later than 9 a.m. on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
23 or Monday immediately preceding the election as designated by
24 the election authority under Section 19-12.2. Such judge shall
25 deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the
26 applicant on the premises of the facility from which

1 application was made. The election authority shall by mail
2 notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot will be
3 delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

4 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be
5 available at the office of the election authority for public
6 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by the
7 election authority until 30 days after the election, except
8 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the
9 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during
10 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges
11 of election.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
13 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
14 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

16 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

17 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
18 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
19 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
20 day of holding any election may make application for an
21 absentee ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction
22 over his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a
23 form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by
24 Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the
25 election. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the

1 applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one
2 calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be
3 kept in the office of the election authority for one year as
4 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election
5 to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such
6 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the
7 absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot
8 counting location to be used in lieu of the original
9 application for ballot. No registration shall be required in
10 order to vote pursuant to this Section.

11 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
12 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
13 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
14 must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding
15 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
16 counting location of the election authority during the period
17 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
18 14th day following election day.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

20 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

21 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
22 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
23 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
24 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by
25 mail ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over

1 his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form
2 furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section
3 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the election.
4 A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant
5 to a vote by mail ballot for every election in one calendar
6 year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the
7 office of the election authority for one year as authorization
8 to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held
9 within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application
10 for ballot shall be sent each election with the vote by mail
11 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
12 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
13 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote
14 pursuant to this Section.

15 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
16 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
17 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
18 must be returned postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~
19 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
20 counting location of the election authority during the period
21 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
22 14th day following election day.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

25 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

1 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
2 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
3 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who
4 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
5 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
6 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
7 simultaneous application to the election authority having
8 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for an absentee
9 registration and absentee ballot not less than 30 days before
10 the election. Such application may be made on the official
11 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
12 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by facsimile or
13 electronic transmission. A request pursuant to this Section
14 shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every
15 election in one calendar year. The original application for
16 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
17 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
18 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified
19 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election
20 with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central
21 ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original
22 application for ballot.

23 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
24 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
25 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days
26 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a

1 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
2 that election shall be waived.

3 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
4 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
5 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
6 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
7 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

8 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
9 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and
10 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
11 of the election authority during the period for counting
12 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
13 following election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

15 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

16 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
17 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
18 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who
19 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
20 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
21 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
22 simultaneous application to the election authority having
23 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration
24 by mail and vote by mail ballot not less than 30 days before
25 the election. Such application may be made on the official

1 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
2 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by facsimile or
3 electronic transmission. A request pursuant to this Section
4 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every
5 election in one calendar year. The original application for
6 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
7 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
8 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified
9 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election
10 with the vote by mail ballot to the election authority's
11 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the
12 original application for ballot.

13 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
14 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
15 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days
16 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a
17 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
18 that election shall be waived.

19 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
20 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
21 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
22 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
23 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

24 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
25 postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and
26 received for counting at the central ballot counting location

1 of the election authority during the period for counting
2 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
3 following election day.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

6 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

7 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
8 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
9 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
10 residence for an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices
11 only not less than 10 days before a Federal election. Such
12 application may be made on the official postcard or by
13 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to
14 this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot
15 for every election in one calendar year at which Federal
16 offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall
17 be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as
18 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election
19 to be held within that calendar year at which Federal offices
20 are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot
21 shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the
22 election authority's central ballot counting location to be
23 used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No
24 registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
25 this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by

1 the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5
2 of this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
3 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
4 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
5 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
6 than midnight preceding election day and received for counting
7 at the central ballot counting location of the election
8 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
9 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

11 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

12 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
13 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
14 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
15 residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the Federal
16 offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election.
17 Such application may be made on the official postcard or by
18 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to
19 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail
20 ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal
21 offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall
22 be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as
23 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election
24 to be held within that calendar year at which Federal offices
25 are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot

1 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ballot to the
2 election authority's central ballot counting location to be
3 used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No
4 registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
5 this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by
6 the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5
7 of this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
8 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
9 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
10 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
11 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting
12 at the central ballot counting location of the election
13 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
14 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

18 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
19 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
20 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
21 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
22 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
23 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
24 other method of making application for an absentee ballot under
25 this Article, may make application for an absentee ballot to

1 the election authority having jurisdiction over his or her
2 precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or electronic
3 transmission not less than 10 days before the election.

4 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
5 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
6 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
7 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
8 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
9 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
10 than midnight preceding election day and received for counting
11 at the central ballot counting location of the election
12 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
13 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-512, eff. 1-1-10;
15 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

16 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

17 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
18 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
19 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
20 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
21 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
22 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
23 other method of making application for vote by mail ballot
24 under this Article, may make application for a vote by mail
25 ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his

1 or her precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or
2 electronic transmission not less than 10 days before the
3 election.

4 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
5 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
6 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
7 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
8 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
9 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
10 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting
11 at the central ballot counting location of the election
12 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
13 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.
14 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

16 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

17 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
18 following applications for absentee registration or absentee
19 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in
20 lieu of the official postcard.

21 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the
22 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
23 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
24 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic
25 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed

1 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
2 application shall be substantially in the following form:

3 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

4 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in
5 which is located my residence at....., in the
6 city/village/township of(insert home address)
7 County of..... and State of Illinois.

8 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
9 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
10 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
11 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
12 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
13 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

14 1. () a member of the United States Service,

15 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
16 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
17 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
18 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
19 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

20 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
21 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

22 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
23 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
24 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
25 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later
26 than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later

1 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
2 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or
3 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

4 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
5 registered)

6 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
7 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
8 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
9 before the election.

10 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
11 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
12 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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14 Post office address or service address to which
15 registration materials or ballot should be mailed
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20 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
21 application shall designate the name of the political party
22 with which the applicant is affiliated.

23 Such applications may be obtained from the election
24 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of
25 residence.

26 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States

1 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
2 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
3 the office of the election authority within the periods
4 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
5 following form:

6 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
7 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
8 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
9 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
10 County of..... and State of Illinois.

11 I certify that the following named person.....
12 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
13 Service.

14 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
15 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
16 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
17 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
18 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
19 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
20 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
21 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
22 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
23 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
24 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

25 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
26 to be voted by said person at such election and said person

1 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
 2 election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding
 3 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
 4 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
 5 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or
 6 ballots.

7 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
 8 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
 9 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
 10 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

11 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
 12 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 13 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

14 Name of applicant

15 Residence address

16 City/village/township.....

17 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
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 21"

22 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 23 application shall designate the name of the political party
 24 with which the person for whom application is made is
 25 affiliated.

26 Such applications may be obtained from the election

1 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
2 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

4 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

5 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
6 following applications for registration by mail or vote by mail
7 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in
8 lieu of the official postcard.

9 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the
10 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
11 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
12 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic
13 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
14 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
15 application shall be substantially in the following form:

16 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

17 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in
18 which is located my residence at....., in the
19 city/village/township of(insert home address)
20 County of..... and State of Illinois.

21 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
22 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
23 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
24 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
25 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;

1 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

2 1. () a member of the United States Service,

3 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
4 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
5 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
6 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
7 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

8 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
9 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

10 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
11 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
12 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
13 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later
14 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day, for counting no later
15 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
16 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or
17 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

18 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
19 registered)

20 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
21 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
22 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
23 before the election.

24 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
25 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
26 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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 2 Post office address or service address to which
 3 registration materials or ballot should be mailed
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8 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 9 application shall designate the name of the political party
 10 with which the applicant is affiliated.

11 Such applications may be obtained from the election
 12 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of
 13 residence.

14 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
 15 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
 16 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
 17 the office of the election authority within the periods
 18 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
 19 following form:

20 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
 21 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
 22 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
 23 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
 24 County of..... and State of Illinois.

25 I certify that the following named person.....
 26 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States

1 Service.

2 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
3 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
4 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
5 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
6 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
7 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
8 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
9 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
10 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
11 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
12 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

13 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
14 to be voted by said person at such election and said person
15 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
16 election authority postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~
17 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
18 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
19 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or
20 ballots.

21 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
22 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
23 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
24 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

25 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
26 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the

1 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

2 Name of applicant

3 Residence address

4 City/village/township.....

5 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:

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9"

10 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
11 application shall designate the name of the political party
12 with which the person for whom application is made is
13 affiliated.

14 Such applications may be obtained from the election
15 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
16 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/20-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-6)

19 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

20 Sec. 20-6. Such absent voter shall make and subscribe to
21 the certifications provided for in the application and on the
22 return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or ballots
23 shall then be folded by such voter in the manner required to be
24 folded before depositing the same in the ballot box, and be
25 deposited in such envelope and the envelope securely sealed.

1 The envelope in which the ballot is returned to the election
2 authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage paid, (ii) in
3 person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of the
4 voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the business of making
5 deliveries of property and licensed as a motor carrier of
6 property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois
7 Commercial Transportation Law.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-512, eff. 1-1-10.)

9 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

10 Sec. 20-6. Such vote by mail voter shall make and subscribe
11 to the certifications provided for in the application and on
12 the return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or ballots
13 shall then be folded by such voter in the manner required to be
14 folded before depositing the same in the ballot box, and be
15 deposited in such envelope and the envelope securely sealed.
16 The envelope in which the ballot is returned to the election
17 authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage paid, (ii) by
18 any person authorized by the voter ~~in person, by the spouse,~~
19 ~~parent, child, brother, or sister of the voter,~~ or (iii) by a
20 company engaged in the business of making deliveries of
21 property and licensed as a motor carrier of property by the
22 Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial
23 Transportation Law.

24 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

2 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

3 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

4 (a) (Blank.)

5 (b) Each absent voter's ballot returned to an election
6 authority, by any means authorized by this Article, and
7 received by that election authority before the closing of the
8 polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
9 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
10 be counted in the central ballot counting location of the
11 election authority on the day of the election after 7:00 p.m.,
12 except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

13 (c) Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an
14 election authority and postmarked by the midnight preceding the
15 opening of the polls on election day, but that is received by
16 the election authority after the polls close on election day
17 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
18 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
19 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
20 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
21 election authority during the period for counting provisional
22 ballots.

23 Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an election
24 authority absent a postmark, but that is received by the
25 election authority after the polls close on election day and
26 before the close of the period for counting provisional ballots

1 cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving
2 authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to inspect
3 the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
4 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
5 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
6 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
7 of the election authority during the period for counting
8 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
9 ballot shall not be counted.

10 (d) Special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots
11 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
12 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
13 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
14 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
15 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
16 counting location of the election authority during the same
17 period provided for counting absent voters' ballots under
18 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in absentee
19 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
20 and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls
21 on election day, but that are received by the election
22 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
23 closing of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
24 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority
25 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the
26 central ballot counting location of the election authority

1 during the same periods provided for counting absent voters'
2 ballots under subsection (c).

3 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, absent
4 voters' ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank
5 ballots received by the election authority after the closing of
6 the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed by the
7 person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of receipt
8 and shall be safely kept unopened by the election authority for
9 the period of time required for the preservation of ballots
10 used at the election, and shall then, without being opened, be
11 destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that election.

12 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
13 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
14 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
15 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
16 law. The counting shall continue until all absent voters'
17 ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots
18 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

19 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
20 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
21 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
22 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
23 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
24 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
25 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
26 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the

1 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
2 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
3 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
4 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
5 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
6 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
7 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
8 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
9 under this Article, then without opening the certification
10 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
11 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
12 cast or count the ballot.

13 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
14 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
15 judge or official:

16 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
17 and resealed;

18 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
19 period ballot;

20 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
21 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

22 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

23 If the election judge or official determines that any of
24 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
25 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
26 shall not cast or count the ballot.

1 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
2 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
3 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
4 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
5 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
6 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
7 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
8 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
9 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
10 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
11 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
12 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
13 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
14 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
15 evidence submitted by the absentee voter. No more than 2
16 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
17 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
18 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
19 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
20 either administratively or judicially.

21 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
22 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
23 counting provisional ballots.

24 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
25 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
26 the order in which the ballots were opened.

1 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
2 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
3 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
5 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

6 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

7 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

8 (a) (Blank.)

9 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
10 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
11 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
12 election authority beginning on the 15th day before election
13 day in the central ballot counting location of the election
14 authority, but the results of the processing may not be counted
15 until the day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as
16 provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

17 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
18 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
19 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
20 close on election day and before the close of the period for
21 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
22 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
23 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
24 location of the election authority during the period for
25 counting provisional ballots.

1 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
2 election authority absent a postmark, but that is received by
3 the election authority after the polls close on election day
4 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
5 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
6 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
7 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
8 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
9 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
10 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
11 of the election authority during the period for counting
12 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
13 ballot shall not be counted.

14 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
15 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
16 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
17 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
18 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
19 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
20 counting location of the election authority during the same
21 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
22 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
23 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
24 and postmarked no later than ~~by midnight preceding the opening~~
25 ~~of the polls on~~ election day, but that are received by the
26 election authority after the polls close on election day and

1 before the closing of the period for counting provisional
2 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
3 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
4 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
5 election authority during the same periods provided for
6 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

7 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
8 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
9 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
10 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed
11 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of
12 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
13 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
14 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
15 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
16 election.

17 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
18 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
19 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
20 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
21 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
22 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
23 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

24 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
25 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
26 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article

1 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
2 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
3 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
4 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
5 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
6 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
7 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
8 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
9 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
10 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
11 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
12 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
13 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
14 under this Article, then without opening the certification
15 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
16 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
17 cast or count the ballot.

18 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
19 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
20 judge or official:

21 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
22 and resealed;

23 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
24 period ballot;

25 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
26 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

1 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

2 If the election judge or official determines that any of
3 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
4 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
5 shall not cast or count the ballot.

6 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
7 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
8 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
9 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
10 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
11 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
12 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
13 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
14 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
15 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
16 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
17 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
18 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
19 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
20 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
21 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
22 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
23 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
24 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
25 either administratively or judicially.

26 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to

1 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
2 counting provisional ballots.

3 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
4 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
5 the order in which the ballots were opened.

6 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
7 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
8 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/25-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-7)

11 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

12 Sec. 25-7. (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office
13 of representative in congress from this state more than 240 ~~180~~
14 days before the next general election, the Governor shall issue
15 a writ of election within 5 days after the occurrence of that
16 vacancy to the county clerks of the several counties in the
17 district where the vacancy exists, appointing a day within 180
18 ~~115~~ days of issuance of the writ to hold a special election to
19 fill such vacancy.

20 (b) ~~Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section or any~~
21 ~~other law to the contrary, a special election to fill a vacancy~~
22 ~~in the office of representative in congress occurring less than~~
23 ~~60 days following the 2012 general election shall be held as~~
24 ~~provided in this subsection (b). A special primary election~~
25 ~~shall be held on February 26, 2013, and a special election~~

1 ~~shall be held on April 9, 2013.~~

2 Except as provided in this subsection (b), the provisions
3 of Article 7 of this Code are applicable to petitions for the
4 special primary election and special election. Petitions for
5 nomination in accordance with Article 7 shall be filed in the
6 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than
7 85 ~~54~~ and not less than 82 ~~50~~ days prior to the date of the
8 special primary election, excluding Saturday and Sunday.
9 Petitions for the nomination of independent candidates and
10 candidates of new political parties shall be filed in the
11 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than
12 93 ~~68~~ and not less than 90 ~~64~~ days prior to the date of the
13 special election, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

14 Except as provided in this subsection, the State Board of
15 Elections shall have authority to establish, in conjunction
16 with the impacted election authorities, an election calendar
17 for the special election and special primary.

18 ~~If an election authority is unable to have a sufficient~~
19 ~~number of ballots printed so that ballots will be available for~~
20 ~~mailing at least 46 days prior to the special primary election~~
21 ~~or special election to persons who have filed an application~~
22 ~~for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Code,~~
23 ~~the election authority shall, no later than 45 days prior to~~
24 ~~each election, mail to each of those persons a Special Write in~~
25 ~~Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot in accordance with Section~~
26 ~~16 5.01 of this Code. The election authority shall advise those~~

1 ~~persons that the names of candidates to be nominated or elected~~
2 ~~shall be available on the election authority's website and~~
3 ~~shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the~~
4 ~~names of the candidates for nomination or election.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 97-1134, eff. 12-3-12.)

6 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

7 Sec. 25-7. (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office
8 of representative in congress from this state more than 240 ~~180~~
9 days before the next general election, the Governor shall issue
10 a writ of election within 5 days after the occurrence of that
11 vacancy to the county clerks of the several counties in the
12 district where the vacancy exists, appointing a day within 180
13 ~~115~~ days of issuance of the writ to hold a special election to
14 fill such vacancy.

15 (b) ~~Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section or any~~
16 ~~other law to the contrary, a special election to fill a vacancy~~
17 ~~in the office of representative in congress occurring less than~~
18 ~~60 days following the 2012 general election shall be held as~~
19 ~~provided in this subsection (b). A special primary election~~
20 ~~shall be held on February 26, 2013, and a special election~~
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23 of Article 7 of this Code are applicable to petitions for the
24 special primary election and special election. Petitions for
25 nomination in accordance with Article 7 shall be filed in the

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3 special primary election, excluding Saturday and Sunday.
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5 candidates of new political parties shall be filed in the
6 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than
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8 special election, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

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10 Elections shall have authority to establish, in conjunction
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17 ~~for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Code,~~
18 ~~the election authority shall, no later than 45 days prior to~~
19 ~~each election, mail to each of those persons a Special Write in~~
20 ~~Vote by Mail Voter's Blank Ballot in accordance with Section~~
21 ~~16-5.01 of this Code. The election authority shall advise those~~
22 ~~persons that the names of candidates to be nominated or elected~~
23 ~~shall be available on the election authority's website and~~
24 ~~shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the~~
25 ~~names of the candidates for nomination or election.~~

26 (Source: P.A. 97-1134, eff. 12-3-12; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

2 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

3 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having
4 voted once, knowingly on the same election day where the ballot
5 or machine lists any of the same candidates and issues listed
6 on the ballot or machine previously used for voting by that
7 person, (a) files an application to vote in the same or another
8 polling place, or (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting
9 machine (except to legally give assistance pursuant to the
10 provisions of this Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony;
11 however, if a person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an
12 election authority as an absentee voter and due to a change of
13 circumstances is able to and does vote in the precinct of his
14 residence on election day, shall not be deemed to be in
15 violation of this Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 83-755.)

17 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

18 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having
19 voted once, knowingly during the same election ~~on the same~~
20 ~~election day~~ where the ballot or machine lists any of the same
21 candidates and issues listed on the ballot or machine
22 previously used for voting by that person, (a) files an
23 application to vote in the same or another polling place, or
24 (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting machine (except to

1 legally give assistance pursuant to the provisions of this
2 Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony; however, if a
3 person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an election
4 authority as a vote by mail voter and due to a change of
5 circumstances is able to and does vote in the precinct of his
6 residence on election day, shall not be deemed to be in
7 violation of this Code.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/29B-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly Ch.
10 46, par. 1103)

11 Sec. 29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a
12 political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its
13 statements of organization, the State Board of Elections,~~in~~
14 ~~the case of a state political committee or a political~~
15 ~~committee acting as both a state political committee and a~~
16 ~~local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of~~
17 ~~a local political committee,~~ shall give the political committee
18 a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy
19 of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections
20 or county clerk shall inform each political committee that
21 subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the Code
22 shall read as follows:

23 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

24 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair
25 play that every candidate for public office in the State of

1 Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order
2 that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted
3 campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional
4 right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the
5 people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

6 THEREFORE:

7 (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and
8 limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his
9 record.

10 (2) I will not use or permit the use of character
11 defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or
12 scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family
13 life.

14 (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative
15 prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or
16 national origin.

17 (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that
18 misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor
19 will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at
20 creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the
21 personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.

22 (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or
23 unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our
24 American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents
25 the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

26 (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified

1 American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral
2 process.

3 (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and
4 tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to
5 use or condone. I shall take firm action against any
6 subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws
7 governing elections.

8 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office
9 in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee
10 in support of or opposition to a question of public policy,
11 hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge
12 myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above
13 principles and practices.

14 _____
15 Date Signature

16 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

17 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing
18 Section 45-20 as follows:

19 (60 ILCS 1/45-20)

20 Sec. 45-20. Caucus result; filing nomination papers;
21 certifying candidates.

22 (a) The township central committee shall canvass and
23 declare the result of the caucus.

24 (b) The chairman of the township central committee shall,

1 not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the township
2 election, file nomination papers as provided in this Section.
3 The nomination papers shall consist of (i) a certification by
4 the chairman of the names of all candidates for office in the
5 township nominated at the caucus and (ii) a statement of
6 candidacy by each candidate in the form prescribed in the
7 general election law. The nomination papers shall be filed in
8 the office of the township clerk, except that if the township
9 is entirely within the corporate limits of a city, village, or
10 incorporated town under the jurisdiction of a board of election
11 commissioners, the nomination papers shall be filed in the
12 office of the board of election commissioners instead of the
13 township clerk.

14 (c) The township clerk shall certify the candidates so
15 nominated to the proper election authorities not less than 68
16 ~~61~~ days before the township election. The election shall be
17 conducted in accordance with the general election law.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

19 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Section
20 9-10 as follows:

21 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

22 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.
23 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated
24 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,

1 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with
2 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,
3 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office
4 of the school district is located.

5 Nominations for members of boards of education, including
6 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition
7 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is
8 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the
9 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as
10 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of
11 the school district is located. In addition to the requirements
12 of the general election law, the form of such petitions shall
13 be substantially as follows:

14 NOMINATING PETITIONS

15 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

16 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election
17 Commissioners) of County:

18 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)
19 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,
20 hereby petition that who resides at in the (city or
21 village) of in Township (or who resides outside any
22 city, village or incorporated town and in Township) in
23 said district shall be a candidate for the office of of
24 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)
25 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert
26 date).

1 Name: Address:

2 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition
3 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or
4 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,
5 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the
6 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her
7 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in
8 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the
9 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name
10 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list
11 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on
12 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition
13 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the
14 candidate's previous names during the period specified in
15 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was
16 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds
17 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the
18 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes
19 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or
20 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or
21 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of
22 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such
23 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the
24 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or
25 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,

1 or similar information may be used in connection with the
2 candidate's surname.

3 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
4 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
5 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may
6 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school
7 district is located a receipt from the county clerk showing
8 that the candidate has filed a statement of economic interests
9 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such
10 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar
11 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the
12 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with
13 the general election law.

14 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of
15 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county
16 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the
17 county in which the principal office of the school district is
18 located within the time provided for by the general election
19 law. ~~The county clerk or the county board of election~~
20 ~~commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions which~~
21 ~~include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter~~
22 ~~signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator~~
23 ~~and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate~~
24 ~~has filed a statement of economic interest on or before the~~
25 ~~last day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental~~
26 ~~Ethics Act.~~ The county clerk or the county board of election

1 commissioners may have petition forms available for issuance to
2 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition
3 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general
4 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days
5 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the
6 county board of election commissioners shall make
7 certification to the proper election authorities in accordance
8 with the general election law.

9 The county clerk or the county board of election
10 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the
11 principal office of the school district is located shall notify
12 the candidates for whom a petition for nomination is filed or
13 the appropriate committee of the obligations under the Campaign
14 Financing Act as provided in the general election law. Such
15 notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the State Board
16 of Elections and in accordance with the requirements of the
17 general election law. The county clerk or county board of
18 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the
19 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the
20 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

21 A candidate for membership on the board of education or for
22 office as a school director, who has petitioned for nomination
23 to fill a full term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon
24 at the same election, must withdraw his or her petition for
25 nomination from either the full term or the vacant term by
26 written declaration.

1 In all newly organized districts the petition for the
2 nomination of candidates for members of the board of education
3 at the first election shall be addressed to and filed with the
4 regional superintendent of schools in the manner herein
5 specified for the petitions for members of a board of
6 education. For such election the regional superintendent shall
7 fulfill all duties otherwise assigned to the secretary of the
8 board of education.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

10 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
11 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
12 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
13 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
14 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
15 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
16 Public Act.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."